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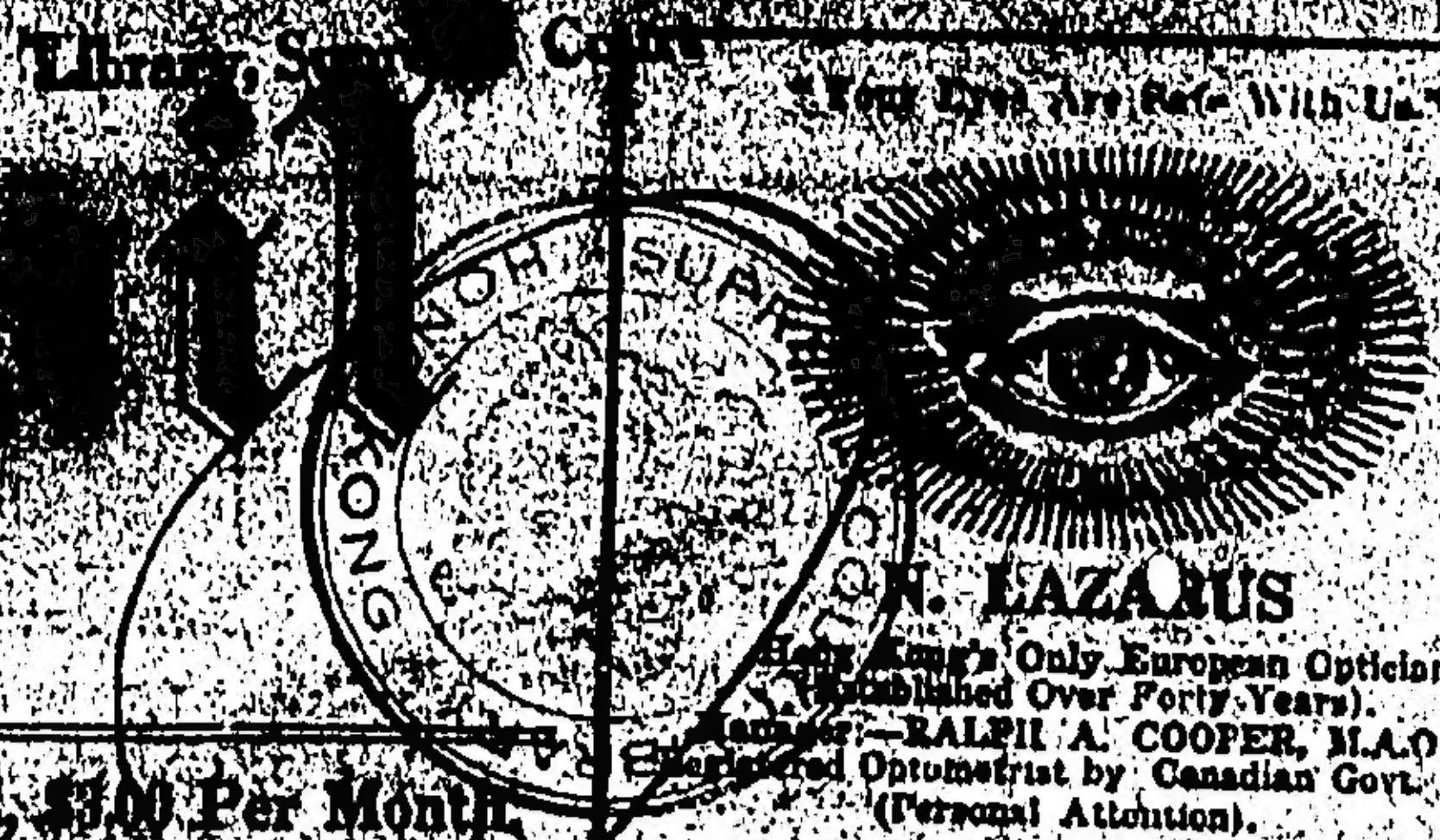
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A "MURDER CORPS."

Communists At Sheklung City.

ARMED PARADES.

Papersides Show Loyalty To Government.

TWO BRIGADES SENT AGAINST EAST RIVER REDS.

Formation of a "murder corps" and the holding of armed parades in the city are among the activities of Communists who have come out into the open at Sheklung, a thriving town of many inhabitants, on the lower East River, about 40 miles east of Canton or 50 miles north of the British frontier.

The appearance of these Reds has given an opportunity for the 5th Nationalist army, known as the Papersides, formerly under General Li Fook-lum of Honan who opposed the present Canton Government, to show that it has now accepted the inevitable and joined hands with the Kwangsi administration.

Other news from Canton concerns a sudden rise in the value of the "disowned" banknotes, the demanded by Naval units for pay in silver, and the spread of Red plots.

50 MILES FROM BORDER.

Communists who have appeared at Sheklung are acting in unison with the disgruntled section of the labour unions. Workmen are parading the streets with weapons, in defiance of Government prohibition. Outside the city, the Reds are preparing trouble. It is reported that picked men have been formed into a corps to commit wholesale murder as the prelude to a reign of terror.

Troops of the Canton Government in the vicinity of Sheklung are few. Now that the Paperside senior officers are accepting orders from General Li Chai-sum, two brigades (over a thousand men in all) have left Canton by the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) for Sheklung, for a thorough campaign against the Reds.

MORE ARRESTS.

Firm Hand With Unions And Red Agents.

Labour unions in Canton are reluctant at present, in view of the Government's attitude, to continue activities for labour as a class. Unions have been ordered not to form any more branches for the time being.

Arrests by the city authorities in Canton of persons suspected of being Communist agents or labour agitators have now become daily affairs. A series of raids yesterday is described in detail in official reports.

WEST RIVER TROUBLE.

Communists Reported in Port of Cals.

A red rising is reported from Takkung, a port of call for Hong Kong steamers, only 42 miles below the West River Treaty port of Wuchow, which is jealously and vigilantly guarded by General Wong Shiu-hung, the ally of Li Chai-sum.

No move has yet been made against the Swabue Soviet in the Hoifung and Lukung districts, between Bias Bay and Swatow. It is now reported that the expedition of 3,000 men, which had been moving against Swabue, will now be diverted on account of military developments near the north of Kwangtung.

PAPER MONEY.

Sudden Rise: Navy Wants Silver.

Surprise followed the sudden rise yesterday in the value of the

depreciated banknotes from about 20 per cent. (of face value) to nearly 50 per cent. Reaction set in later and the jump is appreciated to buying manipulations by firms which hold fairly large quantities in spite of the Government's unpromising attitude. Difficulties are rumoured in several important trades, owing to financial stringency, and more failures are expected.

Units in the Canton Navy are insisting on their pay being in silver coin.

The number of wounded officers who have been sent back to Canton from the East River testifies to the intensity of the fighting with the Ironsides whose presence in Fukien province now has been confirmed.

WATER FILTRATION.

NEW PROCESS AT BOWEN ROAD BEDS.

SYSTEM DESCRIBED.

The Paterson rapid gravity filtration system is now in running order at the Bowen Road beds.

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To provide against breakdowns the air compressors and wash water pumps are in duplicate one set of the former being operated by an electric motor and the other by an oil engine, while one set of the latter is operated by a water turbine and the other by an electric motor.

Provision is also made for the cleansing of the filter when choked with accumulated impurities, the whole washing process being accomplished and the bed again in operation within a period of ten

TURNED DOWN.

No U.S. Loan For German Railway.

A BERLIN ISSUE.

Company Will Capitalise Part of Preference Issue.

Berlin, Yesterday. A German railway company's intention to offer a \$100,000,000 loan in America having been nullified owing to objections by Mr. Parker Gilbert, Agent-General of Reparations, the company has decided to obtain the money in Germany by capitalising a part of its reference shares, of which the company still possess 1,119,000,000 marks worth.

A group of German banks, headed by the Reichsbank, have undertaken to take over immediately 100,000,000 marks worth of preference shares, which will be offered to the public in the form of Reichsbank certificates at 93 1/4 per cent. The Bank has also agreed to capitalise a further 100,000,000 marks in the next few months.—Reuter.

NAVAL ARMAMENT.

AIR ADDITION IN U.S. PROGRAMME.

FAST BUILDING.

Washington, Yesterday.

Before the House of Representatives Naval Committee, Captain John Gunnell, Budget Officer of the Aeronautics Bureau, stated that the expenditure of \$388,258,000 would be necessary for the purchase and maintenance of aircraft for the five neoplume carriers and 25 scout cruisers contemplated in the new warship construction programme. 750 planes would be needed for the vessels themselves and 731 more for replacement and training purposes.

U.S. Naval Policy.

Washington, Monday. Speaking at the semi-annual Government business meeting, President Coolidge again emphasised the need for maintaining a well-balanced Federal budget and reducing the National Debt. At the same time, he deprecated stalling activities vital to the safety and well-being of the nation.

Calling attention to the naval programme, President Coolidge said the plan he endorsed did not contemplate any limitation of time as regards the beginning or completion of the tentative programme, but contemplated the building of ships as fast as possible.

HOME NEWSPAPER.

TWO FAMOUS JOURNALS AMALGAMATE.

London, Yesterday. The famous Liberal morning newspapers, the "Daily News" and "Westminster Gazette" have been amalgamated and will appear tomorrow as a single journal.—Reuter.

Mrs. J. E. Basto returned to Hong Kong by the "President Madison" after a stay of several months in America.

Mrs. M. D. Draper and Mrs. T. R. Percy, both Hong Kong residents, came back to the Colony by the "President Madison".

minutes, one man being able to carry through the operation without moving from the operating platform.

On Old Sand Bed. The new filters have been constructed within one of the old sand filter beds and the two remaining beds have been covered over and converted into filtered water service reservoirs. The plant was designed and manufactured by the Paterson Engineering Co., Windsor House, Kingsway, London, to the specification of Mr. R. M. Henderson, M. Inst. C.E., M.I. Mech. E. Water Engineer.

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DEATH DUTIES.

Appeal in the Supreme Court.

BELL-IRVING ESTATE.

Which Section of Ordinance Involved?

An action commenced at the Supreme Court this morning in which Mr. F. C. Jenkin, on behalf of the Administrator, appealed from the Hong Kong Estate Duty Commissioner arising out of a decision as to the amount of duty to be paid on the death of Isabella Bell-Irving, member of the well-known Jardine family.

Mr. Eldon Porter, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the respondent.

The appeal, which is being heard by Sir H. C. Gollan, Chief Justice, is based on the grounds that estate duty was payable under a different section from that under which it had been assessed and that in any event, no estate duty was payable upon an annuity of £3,000 on the grounds that such annuity was not in any part charged upon or derived from property situated within the Colony.

Mr. Jenkin indicated that in 1884 Mr. John Bell-Irving, in contemplation of his marriage with Miss Isabella, Thornton (later Isabella Bell-Irving), executed a deed of settlement whereby he settled Hong Kong shares then valued at \$30,000 and covenanted

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

North-east winds, fresh, generally overcast, with occasional showers of rain till noon tomorrow.

The anticyclone has strengthened slightly. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea.

to pay over cash to the amount of \$20,000 to certain named trustees for the benefit of the parties as set out in the settlement.

The husband was to get the life income of this fund and the wife for life, and after that it was to go to such of the children appointed either jointly or by the survivor. In fact, no such appointment was made. In default of such appointment it was provided that the property would pass, on the death of the survivor to be held in trust for the children in equal shares.

Life Income.

The husband and wife lived together until July 30th, 1925, when the husband died. His widow following him within ten days. On the death of the husband, the local estate duty commissioner claimed estate duty on the principle value of the whole of the settlement funds and that was paid. Estate duty was also paid on the whole of the local estate in the sum of \$125,000. The Crown on the death of the wife ten days later again claimed full estate duty upon these funds which, Counsel submitted, was on the face of it extraordinarily high. If not clothed with some impromptu even if the law empowered the duty to be taken which Counsel would submit it did not.

Previous Instance.

His Lordship commented that there had been similar cases in the War when, at first, the Crown was strictly entitled to claim on death in action but later the Home law was amended in order to provide for an interval of, he thought, six months between, say, the death of father and son, before estate duty could be taken on the estate.

Referring to the annuity of \$3,000, Counsel stated that it was provided by the husband for the wife in a will and he would prove that it was charged on property situated outside the Colony and that no estate duty was payable in respect of it.

Counsel also stated that all property here and in Shanghai was bequeathed in the will of what the late Mr. John Bell-Irving termed his "foreign" trustees who were to convey it and pay for it to the general trustees.

ONLY ONE RETURNS.

Sequel To Piracy Of Local Craft.

CREW HELD TO RANSOM.

Misses' Aunt of Life in Hong Kong.

The story of a piracy and kidnapping of the victims has reached Police Headquarters. It was told to the Chin Wan police yesterday by the mistress of a local cargo boat which had been missing for nearly a month.

According to the woman (Liu Kin), about 6.30 a.m. on January 8 she was on a voyage from Hong Kong to Tai Shan in Chinese territory, with about 400 piculs of general cargo, her boat was approached by a pirate craft when off Chungshaui Island about eight miles west of Fantao Point.

The pirates fired on her boat and compelled her to stop. The strange craft then came alongside and several men boarded the junk. She and her crew were driven into the hold and held prisoner whilst the pirates looted the junk away.

Blindfolded March.

About midnight on January 12, the junk stopped off shore at a point which the woman is unable to identify, and all the junk people were taken ashore by the pirates and imprisoned in a hut on the hillside. They remained prisoners there for the next ten days.

About midnight on January 23, the pirates took the junk mistress out of the hut and blindfolded her, forced her to march with them over hills for about an hour and a half. Then she was released, given \$1 and told to return to Hong Kong to raise money for the ransom of the other prisoners.

Wandered For A Day. After wandering about for a whole day, the junk mistress reached the sea. Here she succeeded in attracting the attention of a passing Hong Kong boat and was given passage to Chin Wan which was reached at 8 o'clock last night.

She reports that amongst those at present in the hands of the pirates are her three children, her father-in-law, and two members of the crew. No sum of money was mentioned to her by the pirates when they told her to get ransom in Hong Kong. They also did not instruct her where to deliver the money to them.

NO FOUL PLAY.

WHY PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN WAS DERAILED.

Ottawa, Yesterday. It is now established that team horses running amok with a heavy sleigh were responsible for yesterday's accident to Pres. Cosgrave's train. One of the sleigh runners got jammed in the railway points which were forced open. The sleigh was extricated but the condition of the points was not noticed until the train was derailed.—Reuter.

H.M.S. CUMBERLAND.

CHINA CRUISER ARRIVES AT GI BRITAIN.

Gibraltar, Yesterday. The new British cruiser "Cumberland" has arrived on her way to China.—Reuter.

That trust had not yet been exhausted, there still being considerable property here and in Shanghai which had not been transferred.

Local Ordinance.

His submission continued Counsel, was that clearly the annuity to the wife was charged upon the general estate as being the estate conveyed to the general trustees by the document quoted. Between the death of her husband and her own death, no proceeds of the local estate were transferred to the general trustees by the foreign trustees and therefore, whatsoever was due to be paid to that lady in that ten days would be derived solely from the estate then in the hands of the general trustees.

Counsel proceeded to refer to the local Ordinance and to interpret what he considered its meaning as bearing on the present case (the case proceeding).

BREAST WITH NANKING?

Opposition To Chiang Kai-shek.

CANTON'S ALLIES.

General Li Chai-sum To Sever Relations.

"RED SPEARS" IN REAR OF KUOMINCHUNG FRONT.

Two Nationalist Generals now in Hunan province, where they have recently added to their strength, are expected to issue a circular telegram shortly the effect of which will be to announce the commencement of a regime at Hankow opposed to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Leftist associates now in charge of the Nanking Government.

One of these Generals is an ally of Li Chai-sum of Canton. The latter will, it is anticipated, sever relations with Nanking through a declaration of the Canton provincial Kuomintang.

Now that the "Christian General's" army seems to be making a drive in earnest in Peking, and the Peking leaders are ready to resist, attention is being diverted from Central China to the North.

MARCH ON THE CAPITAL.

Reports from Chinese sources are again conflicting. It appears that the Peking forces in the south of Chihli are trying to effect a junction with the units in Shantung, to prevent the Kuominchun from operating against the flanks.

Claims of important captures by the Kuominchun aer made by Nationalist sources in Shanghai but these are contradicted by impartial observers.

The "Kung Sheng Yat Po" mentions activities by local guerrillas, such as the Red Spears Corps, in the rear of the Kuominchun advance.

LOOTED AGAIN.

British Vice-Consulate at Nanking.

Nanking, Yesterday. The British Vice-Consulate at Nanking is reported to have been



General Pei Chung-hai one of the big four of the Kwangsi military faction and an ally of Li Chai-sum of Canton, expected to issue a declaration against Chiang Kai-shek.

again looted recently.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Nanking is the capital of the Nationalist Government, not far from the mouth of the Yangtze River. The foreign Consulates and residences were systematically looted by the Nationalist troops on March 23, 1927, since when they have been nominally vacant.)

YANG SEN GONE.

Nationalist Troops Enter Ichang.

Ichang, Yesterday. The last of General Yang Sen's troops left Ichang up the Yangtze to-day. Shortly after the evacuation had been completed, the 43rd Nationalist army and a part of the 2nd Nationalist army arrived here from further down the river.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Ichang is 370 miles above Hankow. The Nationalists of Hankow have been exerting pressure on General Yang Sen causing him to retire up river towards Szechuan province.)

300 MILES AWAY.

"Christian General's" March on Peking.

Shanghai, Yesterday. All reliable information indicates that Marshal Feng Yuxiang (the "Christian General") has commenced on a big scale his offensive against the Peking Government in the south of Chihli province in the region of the Peking-Hankow Railway.

He has withdrawn his troops (the Kuominchun) from Hanchow, which has been taken in the hands of General Hoang Sheng (of the Nationalist Army), and is concentrating all available forces against Taming and Hantan.

Heavy Fighting.

After heavy fighting with the pro-Peking troops, the Kuominchun have taken Nanio, 15 miles to the south of Taming, which the Peking troops are rapidly putting in a state of defence.

There is no indication that the "Christian General" has yet taken Hantan, which is 100 miles south of Shihchiachuang.—Reuter.

(Note: The Kuominchun is about 300 miles south of Peking at the moment.)

Tsingtao Withdrawals.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Navy Office has ordered the withdrawal of 200 Japanese troops from Tsingtao.—Reuter.

PEKING WAR CHEST.

Plan to Raise \$50,000,000 in Manchuria.

Mukden, Jan. 20. A council was recently held at the Civil Governor's Yamen, attended by General Yang Yuting, Civil Governor Liu, the directors of the Board of Industry and of the Bank of the Three Eastern Provinces.

The subject deliberated was the devising of means to raise \$50,000,000 as a war contribution for the Peking Government. An increase of both land tax and miscellaneous taxes by 20 per cent was decided on. This measure is expected to realise \$30,000,000 in Fengtien and \$10,000,000 each in Kirin and Hellungkiang. It is reported that the war expenditure of the Mukdenites during the past year amounted to \$55,000,000, not including the maintenance cost of the Mukden Arsenal and Air Office. If the latter expenses are added the total is believed to approach \$100,000,000.

NORTHERN WOES.

Peking Government Troubles Reviewed.

Peking, Jan. 27. Vague rumours have persisted here for many weeks of a breach between the Outer Mongols and

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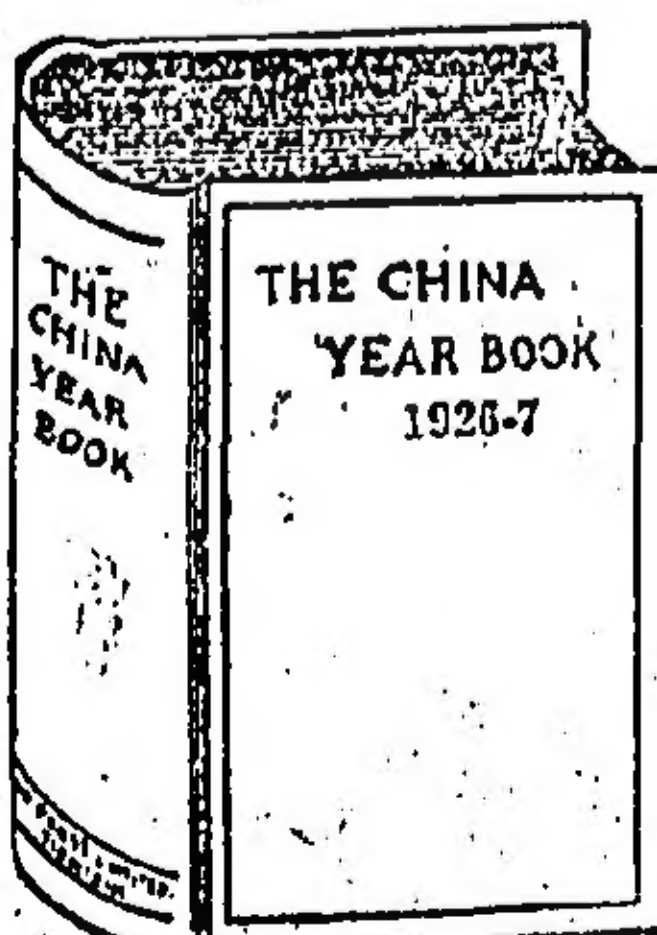
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Mt. Davis	877
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Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NOTICES.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

REMINDER.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON SATURDAY NEXT, 4th February, at NOON.

Hong Kong, 1st February, 1928.

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HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Society's Room at the City Hall, on February 2nd, at 12.15 p.m. The Chair will be taken by R. Sutherland Esquire, M.B.E.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 16th and 18th February.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th February, 1928, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate. Soldiers' and Sailors' in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only. Bookmakers, Tie Two men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order, C. D. BROWN, Secretary. Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.



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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

Notice of Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 6th day of February, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Three Lots of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Ma Tau Wei, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

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General Managers. Hong Kong, 21st January, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1928 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st February to FRIDAY, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 25th January, 1928.

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TURDAY

4th February

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TOBACCO TAXES.

IN SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES.

NATIONALIST COLLECTION.

Nanking, Jan. 27.

Following is a translation of the revised regulations governing the collection of tobacco taxes, promulgated by the Nationalist Government upon the petition of the Ministry of Finance:—

1.—All cigarettes and other tobacco products, with the exception of native tobacco leaves, shall be liable to taxation as determined by these regulations.

2.—The tobacco tax shall be classified as central government revenue and shall be made collectable by the National Tobacco Tax Bureau to be established at a convenient locality by the Ministry of Finance. All necessary provincial branch offices shall be planned and established by the National Tobacco Tax Bureau, with the approval of the Ministry. All matters relating to examination and prevention of smuggling shall be attended to by the National Tobacco Tax Bureau.

3.—A tax of 20 per cent. of the assessed value, by the Customs, shall be payable on all imported cigarettes and other tobacco products, in addition to the regular import duty and the 2½ per cent. surtaxes. A tax of 22½ per cent. of the assessed value, by the Customs, i.e., \$22.50 on every \$100 worth of tobacco products, shall be collected on all native manufactured tobacco products. The required taxes and duties having been paid, all cigarettes and tobacco products shall be allowed to be transhipped throughout the country without being liable to further taxation.

4.—With regard to the stamp tax on cigarettes, the tax office of a particular locality concerned shall appoint officers to be stationed at the factories and supervise the affixing of the stamps, whether the factories be within or without foreign Settlements and Treaty Ports. Stamps shall be affixed on all packages and boxes on the market and all merchandise found without the stamps shall be classified as smuggled goods and be treated accordingly.

5.—With reference to matters incidental to investigation and prevention of smuggling, the Ministry of Finance shall instruct its several and different organs in charge to co-operate with the various provincial and municipal Governments, as well as the military and the police authorities of each particular locality.

6.—Regulations governing the management of cigarette and rolled tobacco business shall be drawn up separately.

7.—All other matters, not coming under these regulations, shall be provided for by separate Ordinances of the Ministry of Finance.

8.—These regulations shall take effect from the date of their promulgation.

POLICE RESERVE.

CURRENT ORDERS AND PROMOTIONS.

SEVERAL NEW SERGEANTS.

Current orders issued by the Hon. Mr. J. B. D. C. Wolf, C.M.G., C.S.I., for the Hong Kong Police Reserve, read:—

Promotions and Appointments.

Chinese Company.

Lee-Sergt. R.25 Tsui Kwing-kong is promoted to be Crown Sergeant with effect from January 23.

Constable R.19 Hwang Hong-yoh is appointed Lance-Sergeant with effect from January 23.

Constable R.15 Ow-Yeung Kin-ling is appointed Lance-Sergeant with effect from January 23.

Constable R.55 Chong Shuk-kit is appointed Lance-Sergeant with effect from January 23.

Flying Squad.

Constable R.333 B. C. Randall is appointed Crown Sergeant with effect from January 23.

Lee-Sergt. R.810 P. O. Peuster resigns from the Flying Squad to date January 23.

Sharpshooters' Co.

P. O. Peuster has enrolled in the Sharpshooters' Company with the rank of Lance-Sergeant (super-numerary).

Rifle Practice.

The practice on Sunday, February 5, has had to be cancelled as the range will be required for the Defence Corps. The practice will take place on Sunday, February 10, at 10 a.m.

Instruction in Revolver Shooting.

A class for this purpose will be held at the Office of the O.C. Sharpshooters' Company, Government Laboratory, New Fire Station Building, 4th floor, every Monday, from 5 to 5.30 p.m.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol will start from the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform.

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CHARITIES BENEFITTED.

Mrs. T. H. King, honorary secretary of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League, announces that at a Committee meeting of the League held on January 12 an allocation was made of funds received during 1927.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.
BOMIRAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
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*OSAKA MARU Monday, 6th February.
TAMBA MARU Saturday, 11th February.
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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Portia.
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 29th February.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
*TATSUNO MARU Thursday, 9th February.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
*DELACOA MARU (Calla Saigon) Thursday, 9th February.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
*PENANG MARU Saturday, 4th February.
*TOTTORI MARU Sunday, 12th February.
*NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
*AKI MARU Friday, 17th February.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
*TOKUSHIMA MARU (Moffi direct) Saturday, 4th February.
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Further provision for the trans-Atlantic traveller of moderate means is to be made by the Cunard Line in the coming season and may prove of interest to Hong Kong people going home on leave via America.

There will be no actual "cuts" in the rates, but ships which at present carry first-class passengers will carry second-class passengers in their places, and third-class tourist passengers will take the place of cabin passengers in the "cabin," or second-class boats.

This will not, of course, affect all the vessels in the service. The 20,000 ton liners, "Seydlitz" and "Lacina," built since the war, and sailing from Liverpool to Boston and New York, carry first, second, and third class passengers.

£60 Instead of £85.
As from April, it is understood that cabin passengers will occupy the first-class accommodation, and tourist third-class the second.

In effect, the passengers on either of these ships will pay £60 for accommodation for which they now pay £85 for the round trip; or, for the second-class accommodation, £87 10s. instead of £88.

On the Canadian service similar adjustments will be made. The steamers "Andania," "Antonia," "Leticia," and "Athenia," which carry cabin and third-class passengers, will in future carry tourist third cabin and third-class.

More British Tourists.

Tourist passengers will pay £80 10s., as against the present £62 of the cabin passenger. These rates, it is understood, will be permanent in their application, and not only for the summer season.

The new development is the result of the impetus which was given to the tourist traffic between America and Europe by the introduction, three years ago, of the tourist third cabin. The bulk of the traffic is, of course, from the American side, but there has been a marked increase in the number of British tourists. People of education, who have never been able to afford the rates necessary for a comfortable crossing, have taken advantage of the new facilities in considerable numbers.

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Time was, and not so long ago, when steamship companies found that an important factor, influencing the preferences for particular vessels of their less sophisticated customers—emigrants, say, from Central, and Southern Europe—was the number of funnels carried by a ship. Magna est suggestio, and though it may be doubted whether a three-funnelled vessel would be considered to have greater "drawing power" than a single-funnelled liner with the somewhat less credulous stowage passenger of to-day, it remains undeniable that, for purposes of advertisement, possession of the longest, or the fastest ship afloat is still regarded by shipping companies as an asset of distinct value.

Popular imagination is arrested more by the performances of one "record" liner than by the successful operation of a hundred equally serviceable vessels of less distinguished size or speed, and, apart from commercial considerations, the rivalry of competing super-liners often becomes an issue of proprietary patriotism, with national honour as much at stake as in the case of a sporting championship.

Thus keen interest, both in the United States and the leading maritime countries of Western Europe, has been quickly aroused by recent Press reports that the North Atlantic passenger trade—the only ocean route capable of supporting mammoth liners with sufficient traffic to render their operation financially practicable—is about to enter upon a new era of competitive construction of ships aiming at the establishment of fresh records in speed and size.

The high initial cost and the heavy running expenses, under post-war conditions, of vessels exceeding 45,000 gross tons, with a speed higher than 21-23 knots, are such as to have led many marine designers to the conclusion that the day of the giant "express" ship was over, and that the future lay rather with liners of moderate size—say, 30,000 gross tons—able to maintain a sea speed of about 20 knots, and to carry cabin passengers at fares within the reach of travellers of moderate means, who desire to cross the Atlantic at a cost substantially under £50.

N. Atlantic Service.
The current reports which, if correct, controvert this conclusion, are founded partly on known facts, partly on rumours whose genesis appears to have been nothing more substantial than a recommendation recently made by the North Atlantic lines that the Hudson River piers at New York should be lengthened—a recommendation accompanied by, and inspiring, much vague talk of pretentious building programmes. As far as facts are concerned, it is known that the Norddeutscher Lloyd has under construction two ships, to be ready for the North Atlantic service in the spring of 1923, of 46,000 gross tons. This tonnage is substantially less than that of the American-owned "Lovingthorpe" (50,950 tons gross), or of the British-owned "Majestic" (56,000 tons gross) and "Berenburg" (52,200 tons), but it is understood that the new German liners will be slightly longer than either the "Lovingthorpe" or the "Majestic," and are designed to have geared turbine engines, with high steam pressure, developing a sea-speed of 26 knots, i.e., one knot more than is regularly attained by any existing liner.

Mammoth Liners.
In the sphere of rumour it is reported that the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, which recently placed the "Ile de France" (48,500 gross tons, 23-24 knots) in the New York service, contemplates the construction of a 60,000-ton vessel for 1923; that the Navigazione Generale Italiana management intends to build at once for the Genoa-New York run two 46,000-ton liners with a speed of 27-28 knots; and that plans for building new mammoth ships—exact dimensions and speed undisclosed—have been completed by both the Cunard and White Star lines. There is, in addition, the project, sponsored by the Brown-Boveri Electric Corporation of America, for the formation of a new company, to be entitled the Blue Ribbon Line, which, it is proposed, shall construct ten liners of 20,000 tons each, designed for a sea-speed of not less than 23 knots. These vessels, it is claimed, will be able to make the passage of the North Atlantic in 96 hours, carrying exclusively, mails and 400 first-class passengers.

Question of Speed.
How far any of these reported plans will materialise, it remains for the event to prove. So far as the British companies are concerned, while it is improbable that either the White Star or Cunard management would be inclined to allow the "speed" records of the "Majestic" and the "Mauretania" to be surpassed by the Norddeut-

SUBMARINE SAFE.

U.S. VESSEL FOUND IN ATLANTIC.

New York, Yesterday.
Submarine S.3 is safe.
Earlier messages from Washington reported:—

The U.S. Navy Department has reported that the submarine S.3, the sister ship to the ill-fated S.4, became separated from the Submarine Control Force in the course of a severe gale a hundred miles south of Cape Hatteras. It has not been heard of since Saturday.

The submarines were on their way from Hampton Roads to Guantanamo, Cuba.
The new aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. "Saragoga," the submarine tender, U.S.S. "Camden," and seven submarines are now searching for her.

The Navy Department has ordered three light-cruisers, and a squadron of destroyers to proceed from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in search of the missing submarine.

The Department expressed the opinion that there is no need to fear a fatal accident as it is not unusual for small vessels to lose touch in bad weather.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" which left Singapore for this port on January 28 at 8 a.m. with the outward Mails, is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 12.30 p.m. left Kobe to-day at noon, and is due to Yokohama to-morrow at 10 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Singapore for this port on January 29 at 10 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" B/W Cruise, arrived at Batavia on January 30 at 7 a.m. leaves Batavia to-day at 6 p.m., and is due at Singapore to-morrow at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kilderpore" left Singapore for this port on January 29 at 8 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on February 8 at about 8 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on February 15.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 10th February.
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SHINGO MARU Wednesday, 8th February.
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PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 7th February.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU Wednesday, 1st Feb., 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU Tuesday, 14th February, 10 a.m.
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KIDDERPORE	5,384	29th Feb.	Straits & Bombay
MACE DONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KHIVA	9,185	10th Mar.	Marseilles & London, Antwerp & Hull
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KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles & London, Antwerp & Hull
WONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,063	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
* ASHGAR	9,006	12th May	Marseilles & London, Antwerp & Hull
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,980	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,165	9th June	Marseilles & London, Antwerp & Hull
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* KIDDERPORE	5,384	4th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,128	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,906	12th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHMIR	9,980	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,006	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKIWA	7,936	1st Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
* NAGPORE	5,283	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,063	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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SUPER-LINERS.

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scholar Lloyd without an effort to regain this point of advertising advantage, one may be disposed to regard as premature the reports that plans for new British super-liners have been completed. It has to be borne in mind, firstly, that the tonnage already in service in the North Atlantic passenger trade has increased considerably during the past two years, and is now little short of the 1918 figure, whereas—apart from the heavy loss of emigrant traffic—substantially fewer cabin passengers are travelling than was the case before the war. Thus existing cabin-space, except occasionally at the height of the American "tourist rush," is fully adequate for the present demand. In the second place, the present cost of duplicating such a vessel as the "Majestic" would probably exceed £2,500,000. Before embarking on such a capital outlay, there is strong inducement to await, as long as possible the results of the present experimental period in methods of propulsion. The internal-combustion engine, which has already developed a speed of 21 knots in the new N.G.I. liner "Augustus," may soon be found capable of higher speeds. Equally, the employment of steam pressures up to 350 lb. per square inch—the results of which are now being practically tested in a small vessel on the Clyde—may revolutionise the present ratio between speed and fuel costs. Finally, before committing themselves to a building "war" in super-liners, the North Atlantic steamship managements have to decide in what proportion their future customers are likely to want three conflicting things—comfort, speed, and economy. On the basis of hitherto accepted principles of design, the 82-knot speed stated to be the aim of the projected Blue Ribson Company would entail construction of vessels on lines calculated, even in moderately bad weather, to inflict on passengers a maximum of misery and alarm. Even the climatic tendencies of the North Atlantic, it is unlikely that many passengers could be found desirous of being carried at a greater sea-speed than 24-25 knots in moderate weather—a speed (already attained by the fastest ships) enabling them to make the voyage in 5 days. Are the lines, then, to build consistently up to this standard of speed?

Cost of Ocean Travel.
It is a matter which will be settled by the price which the majority of passengers are willing to pay. In his interesting speech at the P. & O. meeting, Lord Inchiquin stressed the point that, if the equivalent cost of luxury hotel accommodation be deducted, steamship fares work out at a low rate per mile. None the less the cost of ocean travel, first-class, is indubitably high. On the basis of current running costs—and it must be borne in mind that an increase from 18 to 25 knots means at least 100 per cent. rise in costs of operation and depreciation charges—a 25-knot sea-speed entails minimum first-class fares of about 43d. per mile—a rate subsidised, at that, by ungenerously granted payments for cabins de luxe. There is undoubtedly effective demand for 54-hour passages at these rates on the part of wealthy travellers from both sides of the North Atlantic, but it is, and is likely to be, demand from limited numbers. The desire of the majority of passengers is probably rather that there should be substantially cheaper fares on 20-21-knot liners making the passage comfortably in seven days. The recent announcement of important reductions in fares on certain of the less rapid and smaller, but modern, vessels of the Cunard fleet marks a welcome step in the direction of cheaper fares, but these ships, with an average sea speed of about 16 knots, are too slow to satisfy travellers' requirements.

22-Knot Vessels.
The general question of steamship speeds on routes other than the North Atlantic was examined some months ago, and the conclusion reached that, since most mail routes average sea speed still lay between 15 and 16 knots, there was a prima-facie case for thinking that further speeding-up could reasonably be effected. Excluding about a dozen ships of all nations, the same criticism cannot fairly be levelled at the North Atlantic services. Though it is difficult to see what economic end or social purpose would be served if the North Atlantic lines concentrated unduly on the provision either of "floating Babels" for passengers with more money than sense, or of "destroyer-shaped" breakers of speed records for those willing to pay heavily in money and comfort for the gain of a day, the fact remains that in the case of the British companies there is a wide gap to be filled between the low fast 24-26-knot vessels and the remainder with a 17-knot fair-weather speed. Apart from the question of new "murmureth" building for advertisement purposes, the early construction of several more 21-22-knot vessels would appear to be imperative if foreign lines are not to secure the bulk of the first-class traffic. The North Atlantic steamship problem is, in fact, one requiring solution on the principle of well-balanced adjustment of services to meet, as far as practicable, demand for the maximum comfort.

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Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Wed., 8th Feb., at 5 p.m.
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Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Wed., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Amoy, Moji & Yokohama	HOSANG	Thurs., 23rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
Canton	KWANGSANG	Fri., 3rd Feb., at 4 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Thurs., 2nd Feb., at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Wed., 8th Feb., at 3 p.m.
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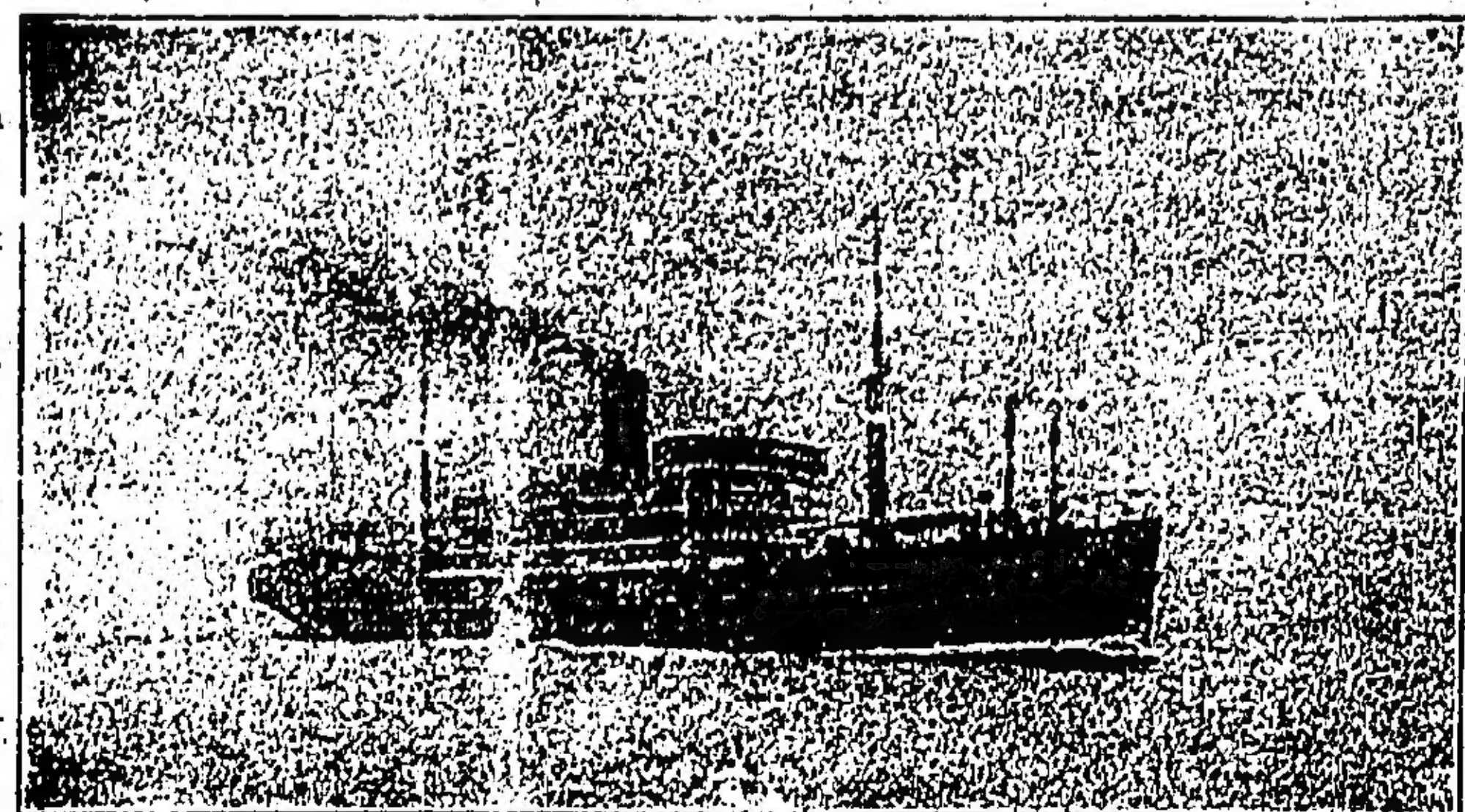
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GRANT.—On January 26, 1928, at
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Grant, a son.

HINDLE.—On January 27, 1928,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
R. W. Hindle, a son.

MARRIAGE.

CUTHBERT—HODGMAN.—On
January 21, 1928, at
H. B. M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, John Murray, son of
Mr. and Mrs. James Murray
Cuthbert, of Cambusbarrow,
Stirling, Scotland, to Amy
Louise, daughter of Mrs. Chas.
W. Clifford and the late Chas.
W. Clifford, Shanghai, China.

DEATHS.

DONOVAN.—On November 19,
1927, at "Shamrock," Park-
lands Avenue, Bognor, Sussex,
Margaret, wife of J. P.
Donovan, retired Commissioner
Chinese Postal Administration.

McKEE.—On December 28, 1927,
at Los Angeles, California, Charles
Alfred McKee, son of the
late S. S. McKee, aged 13 years.

WILSON.—On January 17, 1928,
at sea suddenly on a.s. "President
Wilson," James W. Wilson, of
Harold F. Ritchie Inc., New
York. Buried in Kobe.

CARION.—On January 27, 1928,
at Shanghai, Maria Lealmeide
Carion, aged 51 years.

Hong Kong, Wed., Feb. 1, 1928.

TOMMY AS DIPLOMAT.

It is a pity that those members
of the House of Commons who had
so much to say in Parliament re-
cently when the estimates of the
Shanghai Defence Force were dis-
cussed could not, on some fairer
carpet or other, have been transported
from London to Shanghai during
the past week. Their presence in
the Far East would have been of
great educational value to them-
selves. They would have learned
what the Shiforce meant to those
who have to live out here, and per-
haps they would have gone back
less prone to ask innumerable ques-
tions without point and upon sub-

jects about which they know very
little. They would have learned
that the sending of the Force was
the saving of British prestige in this
part of the world and that its mere
presence did more to preserve law
and order than anything else could
have done.

In the words of a speaker in
Shanghai at one of the many ban-
quets held in honour of General
Duncan, who has just relinquished
command of the Shiforce, every
single member of the Force has been
in a sense a diplomat in times of
tremendous trouble and difficulty.
We have, to our sorrow, seen the
effect of what the diplomats them-
selves have done. We have seen
how Sir Austen Chamberlain's
Christmas gift of 1926 has been
flung in our faces. We have seen
what happened at Hankow immedi-
ately after the declaration of our
"policy" towards China; we have
seen what happened at Nanking,
where rape and bloodshed abounded;
we have seen what happened at
Kiukiang; and we see what is hap-
pening at the other Treaty Ports.
The Tommy at Shanghai, not by
fearful threats or impressive dis-
play of arms, but by his actual pre-
sence, has performed very much
more than our accepted diplomats
and statesmen.

To the very people who raised
those irresponsible questions in the
House of Commons General Duncan
has given adequate reply. The
sending of the Force, he says, has
had a very important effect. The
policy was right. Many people in
the East thought that after the
Great War the British Empire was
on the down-grade and could not
afford to safeguard its interest out
here. The presence of the Force in
Shanghai had shown these people,
both foreigners and others, that we
meant to protect our interests in
the East, whatever the cost. More,
it has shown the Chinese that
the biggest British force ever sent
to China was not intended to be
used for bullying the people or for
aggressive purposes. That in itself
has had a good effect. Tommy has
proved himself a diplomat. The
moral is obvious.

How to Keep Warm.

Several well-intentioned sug-
gestions by medical experts on
how to keep warm are not easily
carried out. For instance there
is one that says: "Once the over-
coat is buttoned try not to open
it again until you reach your
place of business." This is easier
said than done. There is one's
ferry or season tram ticket to
produce from a pocket-book
which is seldom carried in an
overcoat. What also of the
cigarette, small money, or hand-
kerchief which is needed every
morning? A local practitioner
may not be popularly supported

for advising people to walk short
distances in preference to travel-
ling by chair or ricksha; and that
it is best to walk all the way to
office excepting, of course, when
crossing the harbour, or when
one lives really too far away; yet
it has been found to be sound,
practical advice. Feet ought
never to be cold, says another
medico, if one wears roomy, thick-
soled boots, fibre insoles and thick
socks. Unfortunately for Hong
Kong, thick-soled boots have not
yet become the fashion. Whether
leather or knitted gloves are pre-
ferable is a matter for argument,
based according to one's tastes.
Spats and muffers also come
within the realm of discussion.
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A petition for divorce was pre-
sented by Flight-Lieutenant Robert
Stiven, R.A.F., stationed at Bent-
ley Priory, Stanmore, and former-
ly of the Mill House, Maresfield,
Sussex, on the ground of adultery
between his wife, Mrs. Freda
Kathleen Stiven, and Colonel
George Duncan Mann, of the
Royal Artillery.

The case was not contested and
a decree nisi, with costs, was pro-
nounced.

Lord Merrivale, in granting the
decree, said that this was a case
that ought not to pass unnoticed.
Here was a junior officer in the
Air Force. He was in India with
his wife and with the difficulty a
young officer had in India of bear-
ing the various expenses.

They met Colonel Mann, and it
was quite plain that for a long
time he applied his attentions to
secure the affection of Mrs. Stiven,
and he succeeded at a time when
the husband was exerting himself,
as far as he could, to maintain his
own position and to keep his wife
true to him. Colonel Mann was
seen in a bedroom under circum-
stances that left no reasonable
doubt that adultery had taken
place between him and Mrs.
Stiven.

The husband was invalided to
this country, and he wrote com-
plaining letters to his wife and
Colonel Mann. The latter retort-
ed in a letter suggesting that
Flight-Lieutenant Stiven did not
look after his wife and had not
provided for her, and that he
(Colonel Mann) was ready to do so.
"Whether his readiness to pro-
vide for her extends to the length
of being ready to marry her as a
divorced woman does not appear,"
said Lord Merrivale, who added
that it was lamentable that the
husband should have to come and
demand a decree under the circum-
stances disclosed in the case.

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owner, the Hon. Gerald S.
Montagu. A house so rich in his-
torical associations cannot fail in
its appeal, and visitors from all
parts of the world will doubtless
welcome the opportunity of seek-
ing for themselves a dwelling so
alluring in its old-world atmos-
phere and charm. Over the porch
of the central portion of the
house are the arms and initials of
Elizabeth, while within is the
famous Oak Well staircase, and
also a ribbed plaster ceiling dat-
ing from the fifteenth century
and set with the arms of Anne
Boleyn.

The house is filled with period
furniture, and even the staff
wear costumes in keeping with
the surroundings. The aim of
the directors is that while Great
Fosters provides the luxury of a
high class hotel it will still re-
main an English country man-
sion. A restaurant attached to
the hotel is open to non-residents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Armstrong,
the former an ex-Senator of the
United States, arrived in Hong
Kong by the "President Madison,"
on a tour around the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waterhouse
of Singapore are on their way back
after several months' absence. They
arrived in Hong Kong, on route,
on the "President Madison."

The Dollar Line s.s. "President
Cleveland," on her 15th voyage
west bound to San Francisco and Los
Angeles, via Shanghai, Japan and
Honolulu, sailed from Hong Kong
yesterday.

GUILD SYSTEM.

REVISING APPRENTICESHIP
METHODS.

HOME INDUSTRIES.

There is an interesting develop-
ment in the building industry of a
reversion back to the old guild
system that worked so well in the
Middle Ages. One unfortunate
result of the industrial revolution
has been a steady deterioration
of the apprenticeship system, and
in some cases a falling away of
the standards of craftsmanship.
The inefficiency of the British
plumber, who mends one tap and
creates two leaks, is proverbial.
Every man who has had anything
to do recently with building op-
erations knows how difficult it is to
obtain efficient and conscientious
craftsmen who are properly
trained.

Several attempts since the war
have been made to improve the
position of apprentices. A Build-
ing Trades Parliament was set up,
but failed to survive. The Coun-
cils for various trades had appren-
ticeship under consideration, and
some subsequently dissolved
without much having been accom-
plished. But the stimulus given
remains. One of the valuable con-
tributions made by Mr. John
Wheatley, when he was Socialist
Minister of Health, which has
not received sufficient recognition,
was his action in bringing to-
gether representatives of the
building trades industry, both
employers and operatives, to co-
operate in securing recruits. His
scheme may not be working well
in all parts of the country, but it
is having results. The number of
apprentices enrolled has increased
from 8,264 on January 1 last
year to 20,252 on last New Year's
Day.

Much more care is being given
to the education of these appren-
tices. The plastering industry,
for example, have set up a joint
council of employers and employ-
ed to draw up a comprehensive
scheme of training and education.
Only a few weeks ago the Plaster-
ers Council paid for the mainte-
nance in London of teachers in
plastering, who attended the first
national conference on the subject
ever held in Britain, and the
Company of Plasterers took a
personal interest in the innova-
tion.

Their enlightened action was
followed by the National Council
for the plumbing industry, who,
together with representatives of
the Worshipful Company of
Plumbers, entertained recently a
number of apprentices in London
and took a personal interest in
their welfare and career. Just as
under the old guild system appren-
tices were given personal atten-
tion, so under this new system
practical steps are being taken so
that the plumbers, plasterers, car-
penters, and other craftsmen may
learn their job thoroughly. The
ideal, of course, is that any lad
with brains and grit may work his
way up from being an apprentice
to becoming a freeman of the com-
pany of his craft.

DAME ELLEN TERRY.

"MY MIND'S EYE IS STILL
YOUNG."

"My mind's eye is still young—
unlike my body's eyes, which have
grown old and dim—and with
that precious eye I see you among
the dearest of my unknown
friends, and rejoice because you
look happy and 'Christmassy,'
which means full of peace and
goodwill."

Dame Ellen Terry sent this mes-
sage to 1,200 blind folk, who
were entertained to a Christmas
party at the Central Hall, West-
minster, recently, by the Servers
of the Blind League of which she
is the president. "I shake hands
with you with my mind's hand
and wish you new joy in the
coming year," she added.
The message was delivered by
her daughter, Miss Edith Craig.
A number of well-known artists
entertained the audience, who
joined in the choruses of familiar
songs.

Out here with the American
Presbyterian Mission, Mr. and Mrs.
K. Campbell sailed from Hong Kong
yesterday on the "President Cleve-
land," bound for a holiday in the
United States.

Mr. M. Chan Harr, managing
director of Messrs. Sincere's, sailed
from Hong Kong yesterday on the
"President Cleveland," on one of
his periodical business visits to
Shanghai, where the Sincere Co.
have large interests.

A British case of enteric fever
(typhoid) from the city district, a
Chinese case of small-pox from the
city, and a Chinese case of
diphtheria from Kowloon made up
the list of notifiable diseases return-
ed in the Colony yesterday.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

They were talking about trees.
"My favourite," she said, "is
the oak. It's so noble, so magni-
ficent, in its strength. But what
is your favourite?"
"Yew," he replied.

He: "May I call this evening?"
She: "I shall be very pleased,
but don't forget that father
switches off the light at ten
o'clock."

He: "That's kind of him. I
won't be there a minute before
ten."

Magistrate: "You say this man
stole your watch. Do I under-
stand that you prefer the charge
against him?"

Fat: "Well, no, your worship;
I prefer the watch, if it's all same
to you."

The man who has no defects is
not a man at all.

Don't get up from the feast of
life without paying for your
share of it.

A pessimist thinks evil is
everywhere when it is above all
in himself.

"Is he mean?"

"Mean! He's so mean that if he
were a ghost he wouldn't give you
a fright."

Old-Fashioned Father: "When
I was a boy, if I had asked as
many questions as you do, I
should have been—"
Up-to-Date Son: "Able to
answer mine."

"My boy," said the patronizing
man, as he huffed around the
Flor de Toofas, "that's something
like a cigar!"

So it is," responded the victim
after he had taken a puff or two:
"what is it?"

A middle-aged woman pulled
the bell frantically in an en-
deavour to stop the bus before the
proper stopping-place.

It's no use, lady," said the con-
ductor; "it won't play any time!"

A very plain woman, carrying
a clock in a brown paper parcel,
entered the shop.

"I want," she said, "a new
dial please."
"I should jolly well think you
did!" chirped the assistant.

Shortly after the theatre had
closed its early doors and admit-
ted the queue of people who had
been listening to a succession of
street entertainers, a dandified
young man walked into the re-
freshment buffet and asked for a
drink.

When the girl slid the glass
across the counter he tendered a
handful of coppers.

"I hope you don't mind
pennies?" he said.
"Bless you, no," replied the girl,
blithely. "Been singing?"

He had just returned from a
holiday, and was describing his
adventures in a local hotel.

"Above all," he said, "I actual-
ly had the honour of playing
whist with a king."

One man had listened in silence
up to this point, and now his lip
curled scornfully as he replied:
"That's nothing; I once played
with four kings."

"Really?"

"Yes. Four kings and an ace."

The vicar of a church in Surrey
was preaching on the new Prayer
Book and laid stress upon the fact
that the use of the new forms was
purely optional.

The small daughter of one of
the church-wardens was slightly
puzzled.

"What's optional mean, daddy?"
she inquired, in a loud whisper.

Then, after a pause for reflec-
tion: "Oh, I know—fancy dress
or otherwise!"

The club bore was holding forth
in the smoking-room.

"When my wife wants to ask
me to do something for her," he
said, "she always gives me one of
my favourite dishes—brains for
instance."

"Ah, I see," put in another
member; "she attacks you in
your weak spot."

A man went to have his photo-
graph taken.
"Mounted or otherwise?" asked
the photographer.

"Well, I'll have it taken mount-
ed," replied the man; "but I don't
know what my wife will say—
she's never seen me on a horse
before."

They were removing notes
from other people's eyes.
"Mrs. Soando," said one, "is the
world's worst gossip." She even
learned ventriloquism so that she
could talk scandal with someone
when she was alone.

SPORTS

98 RUNS TO WIN.

Fourth Test in South Africa.

THIRD DAY'S PLAY.

England Make 215 in Second Innings.

At the end of the third day's play in the Fourth Test match, South Africa need only 98 runs for victory, with nine wickets in hand in the fourth innings.

England's second innings score yesterday was 215 runs. South Africa therefore needed 152 to tie. Of this quantity, 55 had been made for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn for the day.

Unless the M.C.C. bowlers rise to the occasion, the home team should win this match. Details follow:—

Scores.

England (1st innings) 265 runs. (Tyldesley 42, Sutcliffe 37, R. E. S. Wyatt 58; Bissett 4 wks. for 43 runs, Hall 6 for 100.)

South Africa (1st innings) 328 runs. (Taylor 101, Cameron 64.)

England (2nd innings) 215 runs.

South Africa (2nd innings) 55 runs for 1 wicket.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.

Lunch Interval: Play resumed to-day in bright weather on a fast wicket. The crowd was small. England's 2nd innings had reached 85 runs for 3 wickets.

Tea Interval: 113 runs were added for the loss of 5 more wickets. The total is 198 runs for 8 wickets. Later: 17 runs more, England all out for 215 runs.

Drawing of Stumps: In their 2nd innings, South Africa have made 55 runs for the loss of only one wicket.—Reuter.

Golf Teams Depart.

The interport golf teams which played in Hong Kong recently left yesterday, the Shanghai players sailing on the "President Cleveland" and the Manila team, with their ladies, on the "President Madison."

Bad Light Stops Play.

London, Yesterday. Bad light stopped play when South Africa had scored 55 runs for 1 wicket, when stumps were drawn.—British Wireless Service.

"ARGUS" WINS.

RIFLE MATCH WITH DOCKYARD.

H.M.S. "Argus" defeated H. M. Dockyard Rifle Club in a Rifle League match at Stonecutters on Saturday, winning by 19 points. The scores were:—

	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Total
Mr. Barker	32	30	33	95
Mr. Nash	29	25	23	77
Cpl. Willott	32	35	28	95
P. O. Tithe-				
ridge	23	32	29	84
L. T. Wilkins	25	29	28	82
Mrs. Reeves	26	28	27	81
Flight Sgt.				
Hock	27	30	21	78
P. O. Carl	20	30	28	78

Total .. 214 239 217 670
Plus 4% for open sights 23

Grand Total ... 693

H. M. Dockyard Rifle Club.

Yds. Yds. Yds. Total

Mr. Cook	34	31	28	93
Mr. Garrett	30	27	25	82
Mr. Young	30	31	25	86
Mr. Latham	30	29	31	90
Mr. Lewis	20	25	28	74
Mr. Guest	27	27	24	78
Mr. Gossett	23	27	28	78
Mr. Wicken-				
den	30	31	29	90

Total .. 224 229 218 671
Plus 4% for open sights 3

Grand Total 674

JUNIOR GOLF.

QUALIFYING ROUND AT VALLEY.

The draw has been made for the qualifying round of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Junior Section championship to be played at Happy Valley on Feb. 26.

The result of the draw and starting times are as follows:—

9.00 a.m., C. E. Charman, A. E. Clarke.

9.04 a.m., E. J. Ellis, J. H. Gelling.

9.08 a.m., J. McCubbin, F. T. James.

9.12 a.m., W. Sayers, F. E. Booker.

9.16 a.m., G. McLeod, A. J. W. Doring.

9.20 a.m., A. Brooksbank, J. Laing.

9.24 a.m., J. M. McBride, H. Hampton.

9.28 a.m., W. H. Edmonds, A. Goldenberg.

9.32 a.m., J. Stewart, W. McG. Davies.

9.36 a.m., A. F. Braley, W. Kent.

9.40 a.m., E. Moore, W. McKay.

9.44 a.m., R. C. Wallace, P. Morrison.

Competitors have the right of the course before all other players. If any cannot play, they are asked to communicate with their opponents as early as possible, and with the Secretary.

Qualifying is by stroke play.

CHINESE AT SOCCER.

MALAYA TEAM TO VISIT CHINA.

VERY STRONG COMBINATION.

Hong Kong Chinese soccer players will have to look to their laurels as the "Singapore Free Press" says:—

Reviewing both the soccer trial matches played by the Malayan Chinese eleven which is to visit China and play several matches there, it would seem that the Malayan side is a very strong combination, even though the difficulty of some of the best Malayan players getting the necessary leave has interfered with the formation of the side.

In the match against the Duke's, the Chinese showed really promising form and they also gave a fine display against the S.F.A.

Good Defence.

With a little more cohesion in their forward line they might have pulled off both matches. As far as the defence is concerned there is hardly room for improvement, although the probabilities are that Cheok Wah would be a better partner for Yeow Soon than Chiang Seng. The question of leave has not yet been confirmed, but the players who have appeared in the two trial matches anticipate that they will be able to get away.

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HOME SOCCER.

Match in the Second League.

London, Yesterday. In division II of the Football League, Oldham defeated Southampton by three goals to one (at Oldham).—Reuter.

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RUGBY.

ENGLAND VS. WALES MATCH.

London, Jan. 21. The International at Swansea was played on a quagmire owing to a deluge of rain before the match but during the actual play the weather was finer.

England scored through Taylor and Laird and Wales by Bartlett and Ivor Jones.

England won thanks to Richardson's goal-kicking which has been an outstanding feature of his play this season.

RUGBY RESULTS.

London, Jan. 21. The following are the chief results of Rugby matches played to-day.

St. Barts 0, Coventry 3.

Aberavon 11, Guy's Hospital 0.

London Scots 16, Richmond 28.

Harlequins 17, Devonport Ser. 0.

Scotland 20, The Rest 11.

Devonport Ser. 11, Blackheath 13.

Cambridge 8, Rosslyn 0.

Bristol 14, Air Force 8.

"HAWKINS" RIFLE MATCH.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" defeated the Royal Artillery, Singapore, in a rifle shooting match at Blakan Mati on Jan. 20 by 610 points to 410.

The following shot for the China flag:—Pettif, Officers Wells, Andrews and Bridger, C. Y. S. Gmby, Ldg. Seaman Mallett, A.B.'s Bennett, Noble and Barber, Marine Hicks, Gunner W. Smith.

RACING OWNERS.

London, Jan. 21. Although racecourse executives feared disastrously during the 1927 racing season the racing calendar shows that owners were favoured as the value of stakes was £770,145 or over £25,000 above the record year of 1924.

The Irish figures were £7,000 down.

MORE DOG TROUBLE.

London, Jan. 21. On Thursday during the greyhound racing at Wembley two more races were completely spoiled owing to the dogs fighting amongst themselves. There is a strong demand for a better selection of dogs.

DISPUTING DECISIONS.

London, Jan. 21. Gallacher, the Newcastle player who has been noted for his comments on decisions, has been suspended for two months for improperly objecting to the refereeing.

HAMPSHIRE'S LOSSES.

London, Jan. 21. For the 1927 cricket season the Hampshire County Club accounts show a loss of £2,272.

Entries for the annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club close at noon this Saturday, Feb. 4.

CINEMA NOTES.

"BEN-HUR" DRAWING RECORD HOUSES.

There were crowded houses at all performances in the Queen's Theatre yesterday for "Ben-Hur." The picture is a wonderful one. Among the scenes presented are Jerusalem restor d, life in the teeming market places, with thousands of people chattering or disputing, the majestic on-sweep of the Roman lancers and spearmen through the City Gate, the court of Pilate and the Palace of Herod.

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Child poverty is the only sort of
poverty that matters.—Mr. Bernard
Shaw.

The cinema is a great healer of
matrimonial disturbances.—Mr. J.
A. R. Cairns.

I do not believe there is a single
living poet who can live by his
poetry.—Mr. Humbert Wolfe.

All life is a lottery. No Act of
Parliament touches the greatest
lottery of all.—Mr. Justice
McCardie.



Edmund Schulthess, who is
President of Switzerland for the
year 1928. As one of the seven
members of the Federal Council,
this is Mr. Schulthess's third term
as President, having held the
office in 1917 and 1921. Each
year a member of the Federal
Council is elected President. Mr.
Schulthess was born in 1866 in
the village of Villnachern, and
held his first political position at
the age of 25.

More than 200 old people in
Ashby-de-la-Zouch have received
10s. from an anonymous donor.

By ridiculing the religious be-
liefs of other people you invite
ridicule of your own.—The King of
Afghanistan.

However agreeable to its posses-
sor, the superiority complex makes
a man an exasperating neighbour.
—Dean Inge.

Dr. J. W. Miller, the assistant
medical officer, has been appointed
medical officer of health for Lewis-
ham at a salary of £1,100 a year.

Nearly £200,000 has been collect-
ed in the United States towards
the cost of the Shakespeare
Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-
Avon.

British firms' tenders have been
accepted for the supply of 80,000
tons of coal for the Belgian rail-
ways, a further 10,000 tons being
supplied by Germany.

I do not think the average young
man of twenty-one can tell the
average young woman of his own
age that she is stupider than he.
—Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.

Man has never been able to get
rid of the obsession that the
supreme test of the art of govern-
ment is the best method of killing
his fellows.—Mr. Lloyd George.

It is reported that the Japanese
Government will grant a loan of
£5,000,000 to enable small traders
to tide over financial difficulties
directly due to the banking crisis
last April.

Mrs. Emily Mayfield, aged 36, of
Sewell's Farm, Galleymore, Essex,
was at Chelmsford acquitted on
the charge of murdering her five-
months-old child, who was found
dead in a ditch.

A delivery van containing provi-
sions was stolen while the driver
was delivering goods in Weybridge,
Surrey, and was found abandoned
three hours later, all the provi-
sions having been taken.

It is stated that during his re-
cent visit to Geneva a loan of
£160,000 was arranged by Litvinov
with Swiss and other banks for
the purchase from a Swiss firm of
rolling stock for the Soviet rail-
ways.

A cheque for £7 drawn on the
Bow-Street Reward Fund, was pre-
sented by Sir Chartres Blount at
Bow-Street Police Court to Police-
constable Percy Aspinall, P.
Division, for stopping a pair of
runaway horses attached to a van
in Queen's Road, Peckham, on
November 1. The officer was drag-
ged a distance of about 100 yards
through heavy traffic.

Arising out of the amalgamation
of the post and telegraph services
of the Straits Settlements and
Federated Malay States there are
rumours of a unified stamp issue
to serve the whole of the Malay
Peninsula, but no definite an-
nouncement is as yet forthcoming.
Among other countries where new
postage stamps are impending is
Siam, with a portrait of the reig-
ning King.

Isn't "we" a lovelier word than
"I"?—Mr. A. M. Williamson.

Dr. Randolph, formerly Bishop
Suffragan of Guildford, has been
appointed Dean of Salisbury.

There is a definite shortage of
scientific men in this country, and
that is hindering research work.—
Sir Alfred Mond.

Tulsa, Jan. 31.—Operators of the
greater Seminole Oilfield have
agreed to extend the present "shut-
down regulations" until April 1st.

Mr. J. Pote-Hunt, the Shanghai
gentleman rider, arrived in Hong
Kong yesterday on the "President
Madison," to participate in the
annual race meeting.

Rangoon, Jan. 31.—The Burma
Railway Company's final list of
casualties in the recent train smash
is 40 killed, eight seriously injured
and 12 slightly injured.—Reuter.

Capt. G. S. Charles is resigning
the position of hon. secretary of the
United Services Recreation Club
from March 1. Lt. W. Joy will
take over the duties from that date.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Mr. Kellogg
is going to Ottawa on Sunday for
an official visit to return the re-
cent visit to Washington of Lord
Willington and Mr. Mackenzie
King.—Reuter's American Service.

Constantinople, Jan. 31.—The
Turkish Government has ordered
the closing of the American school
for girls at Broussa for alleged
religious propaganda following the
conversion of four Turkish girls to
Protestantism.—Reuter.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yes-
terday, Mr. W. Schofield imposed a
fine of \$10 on a coolie who was
charged with aiding and abetting a
vegetable hawk who was selling in
a prohibited area. On seeing a
police patrol in Shantung Street, the
accused was stated to have run into
Canton Road and give information
to the hawk so that the latter was
able to elude the police.

Oslo, Jan. 31.—The new Labour
Government has issued a manifesto
to the effect that it intends to sub-
stitute a State monopoly of the
corn trade for the present law im-
posing an import duty on foreign
wheat. There will be no military
training this year. The Govern-
ment favours complete disarmament
but political circles think the
Government will be short-lived.—
Reuter.



A new anaphor of Charles E.
Dawes, Vice-President of the United
States. Dawes is a potential candi-
date for the Republican nomination
for President.

Havana, Jan. 31.—The Commit-
tee of the Pan-American Confer-
ence has unanimously rejected the
Mexican Proposal that the election
of the Chairman of the Pan-Ameri-
can Union should go to every coun-
try by alphabetical rotation. It
has also taken a step towards the
inclusion of Canada in the Pan-
American deliberations by approv-
ing with special reference to
Canada that the inter-American
commercial aviation treaty should
be sent to all open adherents in the
Western Hemisphere.

A defendant in a Summary Court
case yesterday alleged that an
I.O.U. on which he was sued by
an Indian watchman formerly em-
ployed at the same garage as the
defendant was obtained from him
by a trick and that the money ac-
knowledgeed as owing on the note
was never received by him. De-
fendant alleged that it was cus-
tomary for him as clerk to sign his
name on plaintiffs' "Cars In and
Out" book and that his signature
had been obtained from him on this
note. The I.O.U. being afterwards
alleged to be a forgery. Mr. Justice Wood, how-
ever, told the defendant that he
disbelieved the story and gave judg-
ment for plaintiff with costs.

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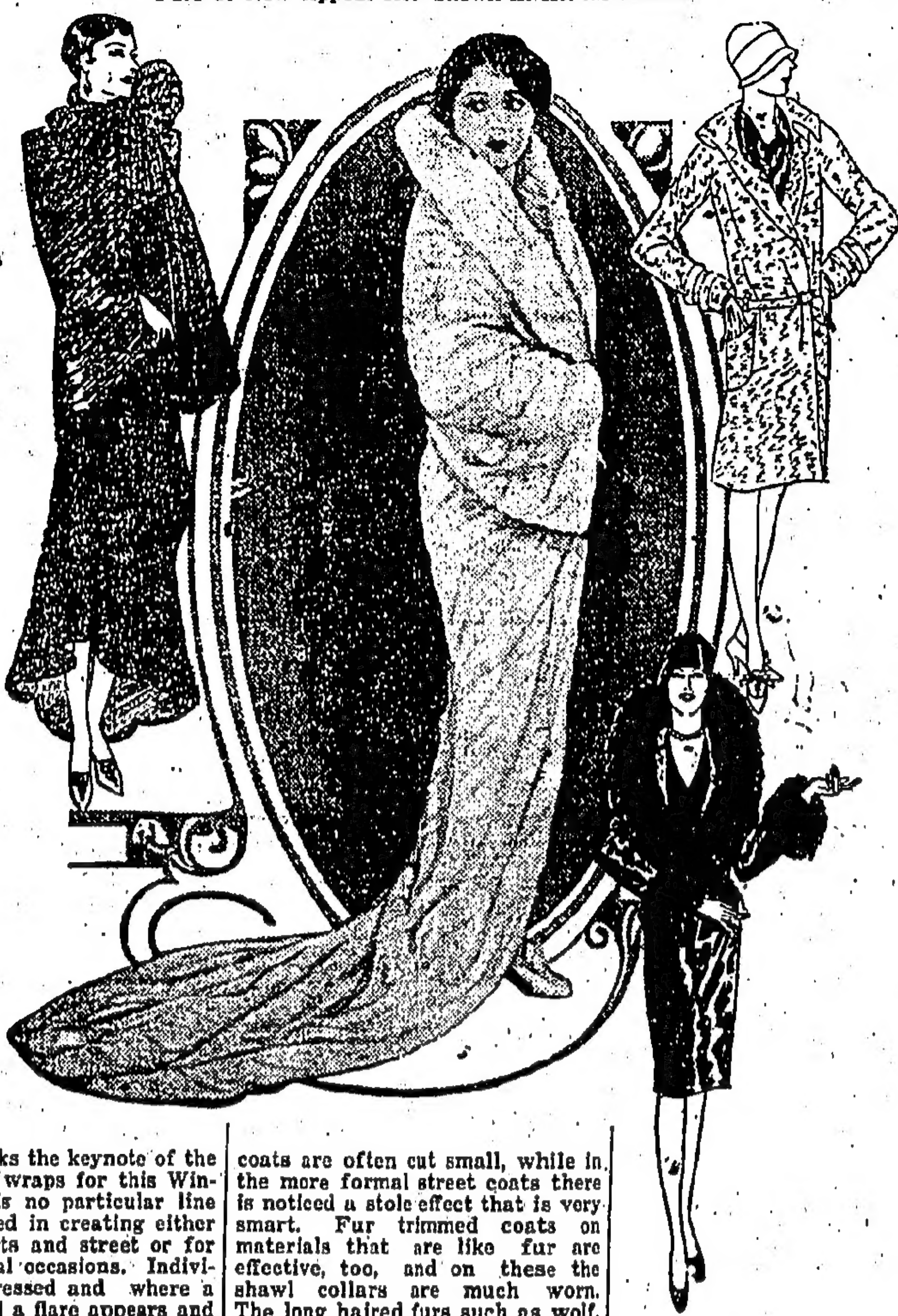


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Variety marks the keynote of the fur coats and wraps for this winter. There is no particular line that is followed in creating either coats for sports and street or for the very formal occasions. Individuality is stressed and where a flare is desired a flare appears and where a straight slender silhouette is desired that outline is happily pursued. It is all a matter of choice. There is also variety as to pelt. All furs are used and in their beautiful workmanship their charms and novelty lie.

Whether the coat of classic lines and beauty unadorned—or one that features the distinction of the mode's latest whim, for long collar, huge cuffs and flaring hem—they are to be found among the coats offered in the smart shops. To suit individual needs the mode straggles coats of all lines.

There is, naturally, a desire to conform to a certain type of coat for daytime and sports and this in general appears to be in straight line models. There are furs for all occasions that are used most suitably and these are listed in general in the following order, although even here there is no set rule and individual taste may be satisfied by wearing them for different times.

The sports furs include particularly all varieties of goat. The unborn or extremely young animal dyed and glossed in beige, brown, grey and creamy white being the most popular. Gazelle—stencilled or printed, shaved lamb, very young pony that is as supple as velvet in all natural colours, antelope, natural seal, unplucked and undyed are among those favoured in simple, straight and slim lines and are apt to be combined with woollen fabrics or are invariably lined with kasha as they are not always warm enough of themselves and need a light weight woollen lining. Fur lined coats, too, may be mentioned among the sports coats.

Street furs remain very similar to those of last season. Astrakhan and all its derivations are among the most popular pelts. Persian lamb, caracul or broadtail, usually in black and sometimes in grey are the most frequently seen. The older favourites such as sealskin, squirrel, mink, and beaver are found in the newer models, too. Lines continue slim, but in general it is noted that there is a flare at the bottom while the top of the coat possesses a semi-fitted outline. An effort towards elegance is noted, too. Collars in strictly street

coats are often cut small, while in the more formal street coats there is noticed a stole effect that is very smart. Fur trimmed coats on materials that are like fur are effective, too, and on these the shawl collars are much worn. The long haired furs such as wolf, fox and lynx are used effectively in trimming these coats. The soft flexibility of the furs make them most successful in designing furs for the afternoon.

Evening furs in the all-fur wrap show ermine in the most popular. Chinchilla is of course smart, sable and mink, too, are seen in wraps of stunning and unusual lines. The coat shape in general is preferred to the cape in all fur, while in the lames and velvets richly furled, the capes are preferred. The furled wrap is really more than ordinarily smart this season. In the beautiful new fabrics of ermine, quince workmanship and colour they are having a decided vogue.

Billie Dove, who possesses an elaborate number of fur coats and wraps, has chosen white ermine for an evening coat that possesses the elegance demanded this season. Miss Dove chooses to sponsor a train and wears it very successfully. This wrap is seen in the First National film, "The Stolen Bride."



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She must catch up with the prevailing vogue and specialise herself, by selecting an individual type in harmony with her personality, her features, and her colouring.

The film star in particular is an example. Some of the most popular screen actresses of to-day attracted but little notice on their first appearance.

So they adopted a new hair-cut, a different mode of dress, achieved an incredibly slim outline and a change of personality, with the result that, on the second attempt, audiences welcomed them enthusiastically.

The principal consideration in selecting a type is that of environment—in other words—one's background. Where is your daily life spent, and how? It is obvious that if you live on a farm, are a governess or companion, or the shining light of a country vicarage, you cannot adopt the "Latin" or "exotic" pose with any hope of success—even though your eyes be dark and languorous and your hair a midnight black.

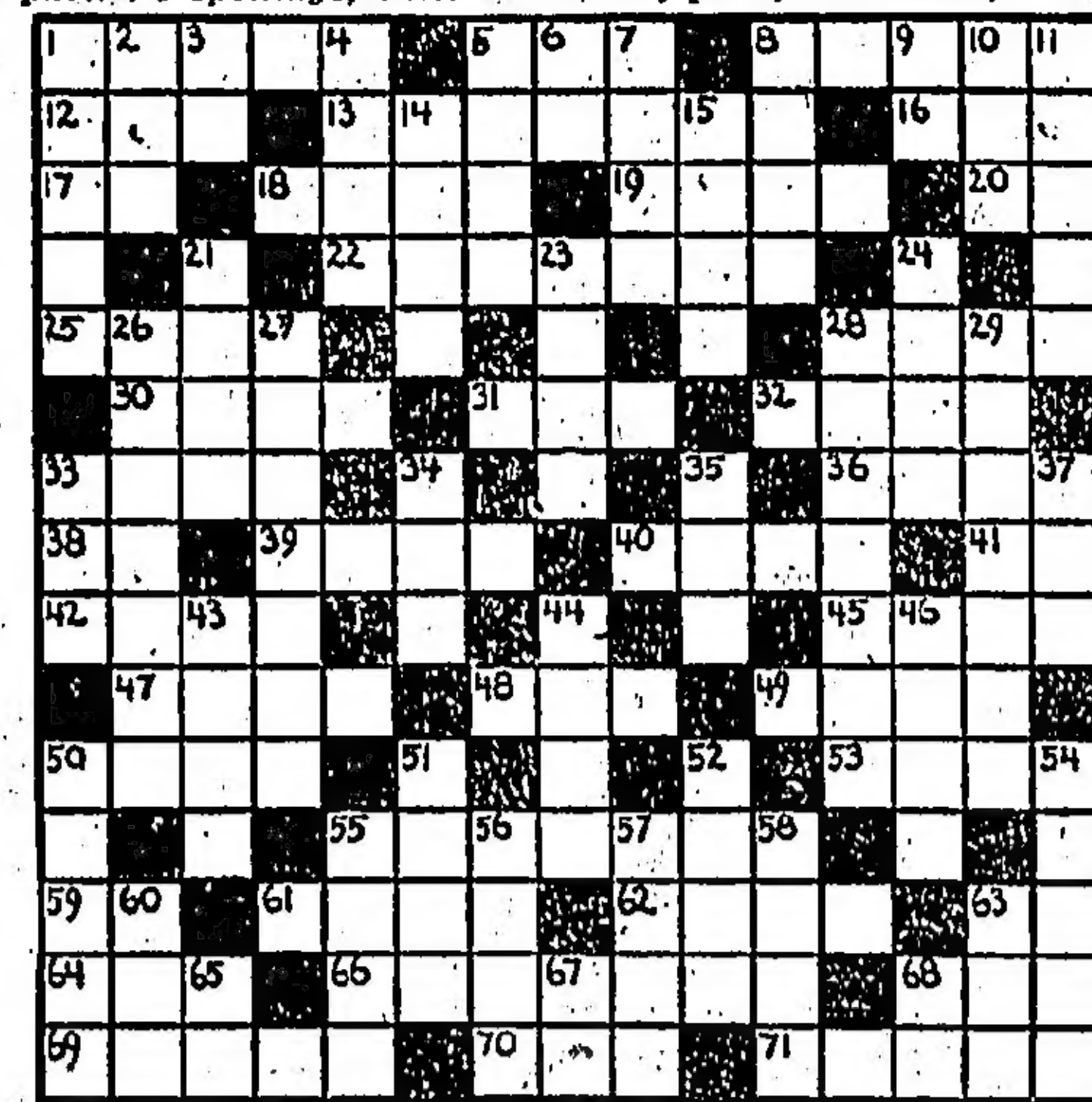
But the demure, picturesque, quaintly Victorian maiden tones admirably with a quiet home life, and has the added advantage of being almost invariably attractive to the male eye—wearied of boyish modes.

Even though she grieves in secret that an Eton crop, knee-length skirts, and gaudily striped jumpers are not possible, she may achieve a more permanent success by reason of her grace and femininity.

The correct milieu for the "exotic" type is, of course, the stage or screen. At an audition or a film test you may be as super-modern, as bizarre, as you desire. A mannequin also may adopt this style with complete success, but it is entirely out of place in an office, or

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and attko.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Girl's name
- 2-Conjunction
- 3-Man's name
- 12-Remark (abbr.)
- 13-Lands owned by a town
- 15-Prefix—same as "Super"
- 17-Preposition
- 18-Mexican coin
- 19-Empty
- 20-A liquid measure (abbr.)
- 22-Craftsman
- 23-Boat with square ends
- 28-Chafe
- 30-Greek god of war
- 31-Rodent
- 32-Culture
- 33-A town in Arizona, U. S.
- 35-Corded fabric (pl.)
- 38-Latin for "and"
- 39-Formal expression of will
- 40-One of the grains
- 41-Interjection
- 42-Glazed brick
- 45-Man's name (Russ.)
- 47-Pronoun
- 48-Marked by showers

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

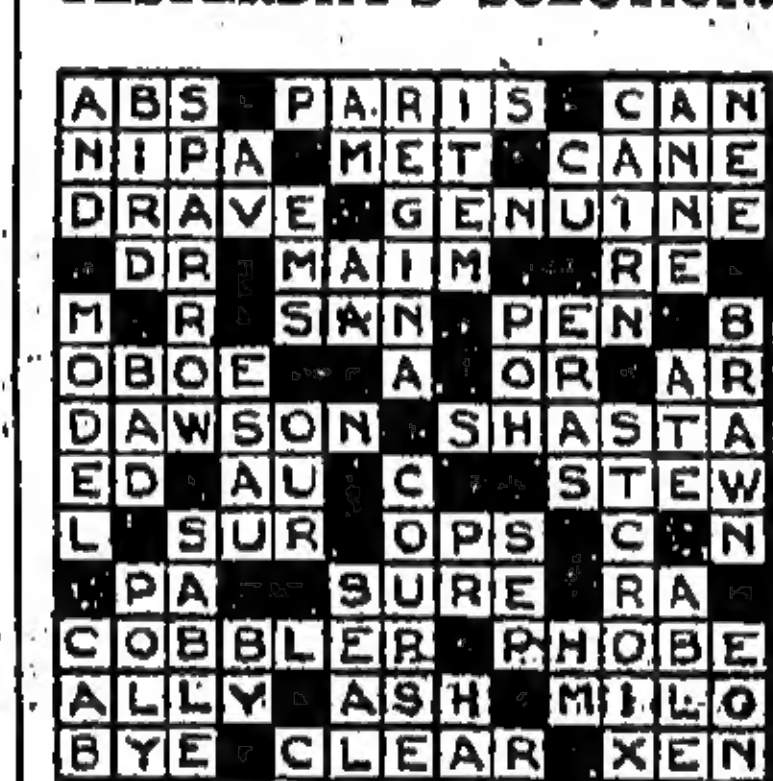
- 49-The dye indigo
- 50-Coloured liquids
- 53-Portals
- 55-Childish speech
- 59-Preposition
- 61-Fuel
- 62-Assess
- 63-For example (Latin—abbr.)
- 64-To soak, as hair
- 66-A sultan's wife
- 68-Custom
- 69-Pronoun
- 70-Vander
- 71-Author of the Iliad

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Part of the face
- 21-Shops
- 23-Close to
- 24-Festival
- 28-Prudence
- 27-Those who weave
- 23-Admonition
- 23-Mineral pitch
- 33-Skill
- 34-Consumed
- 35-Word of negation
- 37-Male child
- 43-Man's name
- 44-Point of compass
- 46-Small bottle
- 50-Elephant tusk
- 51-German for "wife"
- 52-Ardor, dash
- 54-Intently keen
- 55-Possessive (abbr.)
- 56-Associate
- 57-Prefix—same as "trans"
- 58-Town on W. coast of Greenland
- 7-A bird
- 8-An Egyptian god—dass
- 9-Like
- 10-A month (abbr.)
- 11-A court official
- 14-Capital of Norway

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will aid others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1928:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	13' 8" B	12' 5" B
Tytam Byewash	25' 4" B	20' 6" B
Tytam Intermediate Level	Level	Level
Tytam Tuk	12' 11" B	22' 6" B
Wong Nei Chung	15' 2" B	15' 4" B
Pokfulum	17' 11" B	19' 3" B
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Tytam	278.72	285.78
Tytam Byewash	68	38
Tytam Intermediate	195.00	195.00
Tytam Tuk	121.75	92.98
Wong Nei Chung	13.59	13.46
Pokfulum	28.33	25.82

Total 1,038.01 1,448.25
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption	244.29	271.58
Estimated population 407,020		417,940
Consumption per head per day	19.3	20.9

Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts during December, 1926 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an Intermit-

tent Supply was given from 4th to 31st December, 1926.
Full supply in all Rides Main Districts during December, 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an Intermit-

Supply was given from 1st to 31st December, 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 0" B	7' 4" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	0' 7" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir	3' 4" B	2' 3" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	283.50	280.42
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	98.40	96.37
Reception Reservoir	24.65	27.24

Total 406.55 404.03
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption	74.89	88.58
Estimated population 159,140		163,180
per day	15.8	17.5

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GENERAL DUNCAN ON
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DIPLOMATS.

A farewell luncheon was given by the Committee of St. Andrew's Society, Shanghai, to Major-General Sir John Duncan. The President of the Society, Dr. J. Elliot Murray, was unavoidably prevented from attending, and the chair was filled by the Vice-President, Mr. J. F. Macgregor. The others present were Mr. Brodie A. Clarke, Dr. R. J. Marshall, Mr. C. M. Bain, Dr. H. Couper Patrick, Mr. C. H. Rutherford, Past Presidents; Captain Cook-Collis, A.D.C. to General Duncan; Dr. A. C. Bryson, Messrs. C. T. Beath, A. M. Camman, David Hall, George Hogg, James Macbeth, Ronald G. McDonald, R. D. Murray, C. W. Porter, D. C. Hutchison, A. Gray, Hugh Martin, R. Wood, A. E. Stewart, R. G. Dowie, A. T. Downie, J. G. Gray, Hon. Secretary of the Society, and Pipe-Sgt. MacLennan.

In presenting General Duncan with a quail, Mr. Macgregor expressed regret that professional duties had prevented the President from taking the chair. Mr. Macgregor had been told that the community of Shanghai had been largely built up by Scotsmen—although he would not be so bold as to say so in any other gathering than this. In the course of the history of Shanghai crises had arisen, but Scotsmen had also arisen to help her out of them. The past year had been one of the darkest in the whole history of Shanghai, and they all remembered what they felt like in January and February. Then they heard that the troops were coming out and that was a tremendous relief, and when the Scotsmen heard that a Scot was going to command them that produced a greater joy and a greater sense of security. Mr. Macgregor went on to say that he believed that every single member of the Defence Force had been in a sense a diplomat. He had seen Tommies fraternising with the country people, and the way in which they would take the children on their shoulders was simply marvellous. He felt that that whole spirit had been inculcated by General Duncan, who had proved himself to be a magnificent soldier and a wonderful diplomat in times of tremendous trouble and difficulty. After congratulating

General Duncan upon his new command, Mr. Macgregor presented to him, in due and ancient form, a silver quail, and assured him that his future career would be followed by people in Shanghai with the greatest interest.

In reply, General Duncan said that since his coming he had realised what a tremendously important part Scots played in Shanghai. He believed that the Scots were the predominating race there, perhaps not numerically, but he believed that the most important export from Scotland to the East was undoubtedly brains and energy, and he had seen these there. It was, therefore, a subject of regret to him that they had had no Scottish regiments in Shanghai, but it was not his fault. There were two Scottish regiments in their force, but when he wanted a battalion he was not allowed to name any particular one, so that he could only conclude that General Luard had kept what he thought best in Hong Kong.

The Empire and the East. Proceeding General Duncan said that people might think that it was quite unnecessary to send such a large force out, but the policy was right. The sending out of this force had had a very important effect. Many people in the East—Asiatics—thought that after the Great War the British Empire was on the down-grade and could not afford to safeguard its interests in the East. He thought that the Empire had effectively proved that it could. (Applause). They had shown the people, both foreigners and others, that they meant to protect their interests, whatever the cost. The cost was not counted. There was danger, and the troops were sent without any question as to their cost. He thought that would always have a good effect. They had also shown the Chinese that the biggest British force ever sent to the East was not intended to be used for bullying China or for aggressive purposes, and that should have a good effect.

The Shanghai Scottish. General Duncan in conclusion said that he had been tremendously impressed with the Shanghai Scottish. He had seldom seen a finer unit, and they compared most favourably with the London Scottish, and he could not pay them a higher tribute. He hoped that Mr. Macgregor would convey to the officers and men of the unit his appreciation of them. Prior to the conclusion of the

COMMUNIST SCARE.

NEW YEAR MARTIAL LAW AT HANKOW.

GENERAL UPRISING?

Hankow, Jan. 18.
Hankow is suffering from another Communist scare as was made evident last evening, by the sudden declaration of martial law in all districts and by the replacing of the barricades around the French and Japanese Concessions, from which the defences had been withdrawn for weeks past. On inquiry, it was learned that the Garrison authorities had received information that local Communists intended to take advantage of the absence of large numbers of troops on the Hunan and western Hupeh fronts and stage a general uprising in the Wu-Han Cities. So far nothing has eventuated, but the various authorities are taking the greatest precautions against the possibility of an outbreak.

Comic Opera Touch. Armed robberies are still the order of the day and the miscreants, in almost every case, appear to have little or no difficulty in making a clear get-away. A comic-opera touch was added to the hold-up of a private house on Chinese territory in the rear of the French Concession the other day, when one of the robbers, being accidentally wounded in the leg by a companion, crawled on to the street dragging his loot and, presenting his revolver at a policeman who had been attracted to the scene, forced the guardian of the law to lift him into a ricksha, after which, speeding up the coolie by threatening him with his revolver, he managed to get clean away with his booty.

Smart Work in Concession. As a result of smart work on the part of the Police of the ex-British Concession, the gang responsible for the holding-up of two Chinese exchange companies has been rounded up. Its members proved to be men of the local garrison. After a preliminary trial by the authorities, they were handed over to the Garrison authorities for punishment.

luncheon Mr. Brodie Clarke called upon those present to toast the chairman, Mr. Macgregor, and wish him bon voyage on his trip Home Mr. Macgregor suitably responded.

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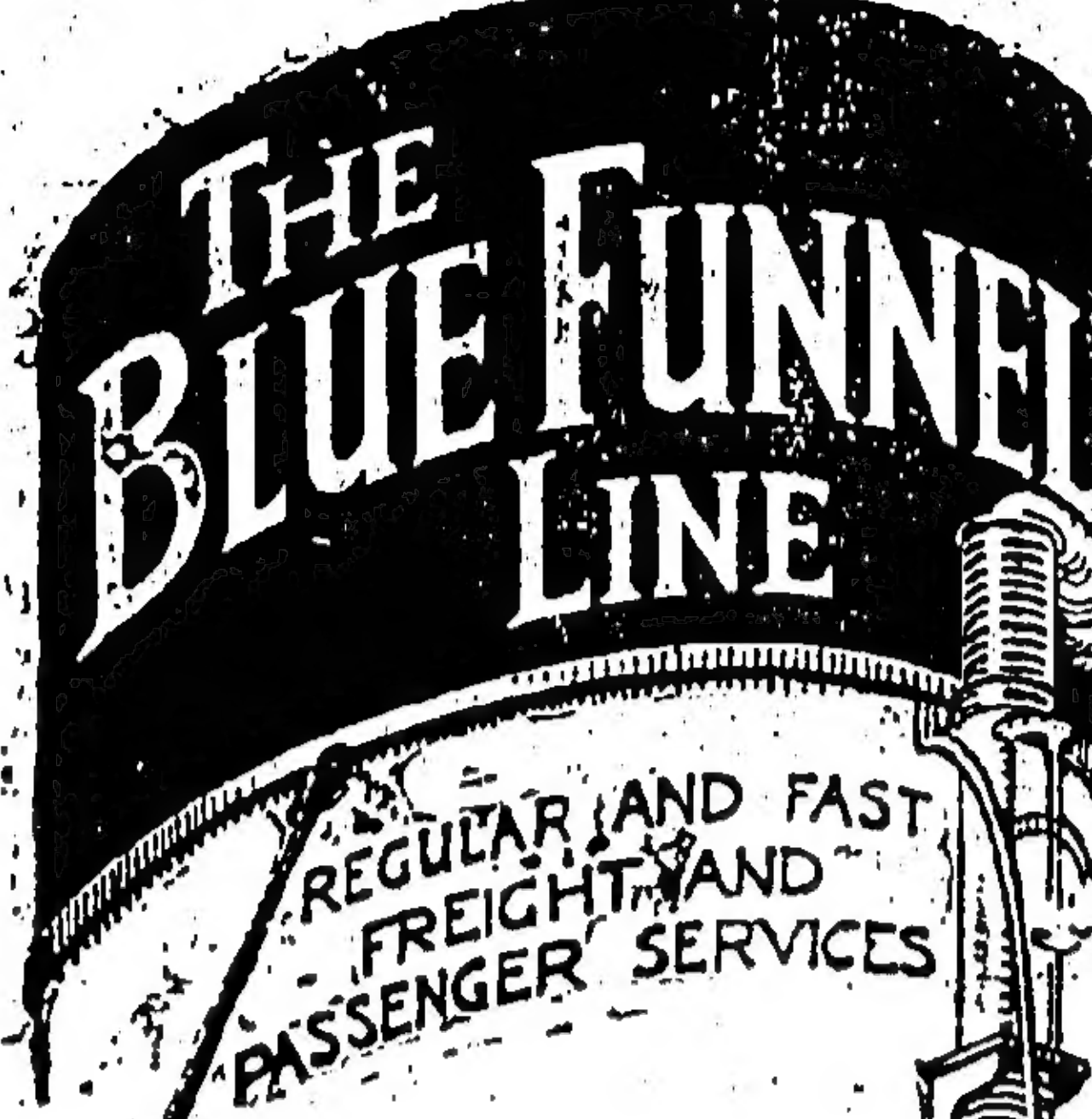
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Shanghai	Yungchow.	3
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3		
Japan & Shanghai	Malwa.	3
Straits	Kidderpore.	6
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6		
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Swatow	Chipping	3.30 p.m.
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Straits	Van Heutz	10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon.		
Letters 1 p.m.	Namsang.	
Japan	Khiva.	12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrange	2.30 p.m.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3		
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Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong	Noon
Swatow & Amoy	Antung	2.30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4		
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Teau	10 a.m.
Bangkok	Chinlun	2.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5		
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kaji Maru	9 a.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7		
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Ning	1 p.m.
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Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Kwai Sang	
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CHINA TARIFFS.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Important North and South Negotiations Pending.

Peking, Yesterday. Contrary to the Japanese reports Sir Miles Lampson's trip to South China is not connected with the tariff question.

Reuter learns on most reliable authority that there is no question of a resumption of the International Tariff Conference and that the Peking Government will not appoint Mr. A. H. F. Edwards Inspector-General, at least until after his return from the South.

Mr. Edwards informed Reuter that he would discuss various tariff questions with the South on the basis of the proposals he had made last August. Naturally, the details could not be divulged in advance.

Important developments are expected in Shanghai in view of the fact that in addition to the visit of Mr. Edwards, Messrs. Mead and McLorn, who are prominent in the Salt Gabelle and Post Office, respectively, are both in Shanghai negotiating with the South with the consent of the North, while the French Minister, M. Martel, is at present believed to be in Nanking.—Reuter.

The "Japanese reports" mentioned above probably mean the following:—

Peking, Jan. 27.

The question of officially appointing Mr. Edwards, acting Inspector-General still is undecided. Mr. Edwards, it is reported, will leave here for Shanghai within a few days, in order to negotiate a thorough understanding with the Nanking authorities concerning the maintenance of the original system of the Chinese Maritime Customs. It also is said that, taking this opportunity, Mr. Edwards privately will make arrangements with the Nanking authorities for the re-convention of the Customs Conference.—Toho.

THE OLD FLAG.

CANADIAN OBJECTION TO DIPLOMATS.

TRADE ENVOYS ONLY.

Ottawa, Yesterday.

Mr. Bennett, in his first extended speech in the House of Commons as Opposition leader (and to which President Cosgrave listened from the gallery), objected to the exchange of Ministers between Canada and Foreign Powers. He said that it involved implications fraught with great dangers. "What we want are Trade Commissioners, not men to carry on diplomatic relations touching matters which caused wars in other days. We should look to the old flag and the British Navy for protection of our diplomatic relations."

Mr. Bennett particularly objected to the proposed appointment of a Minister to Tokyo and dwelt on the decrease in Canadian exports, the diminution of the earnings of railways and the continued exodus of population to the United States. He pointed out that while immigrants in 1925 from Britain numbered 59,000, and from the Continent 8,000, the figures for 1926 were 49,000 and 78,000, respectively.

He urged parliamentary investigation. Mr. Munkin King, the Premier, in the course of his reply said that Canada's favourable trade balance was \$151,000,000 and was still the largest of any country in the world. The Commons adjourned early to attend the Speaker's reception in honour of President Cosgrave, whom the Government afterwards invited to a dinner.—Reuter.

SOVIET ABROAD.

TRADE OFFICES IN S. AMERICA.

Monte Video, Yesterday. Soviet commercial envoys here state that the Russian Government intends to open a commercial agency at Buenos Aires with branches at several other South American cities similarly to Arco in London.—Reuter.

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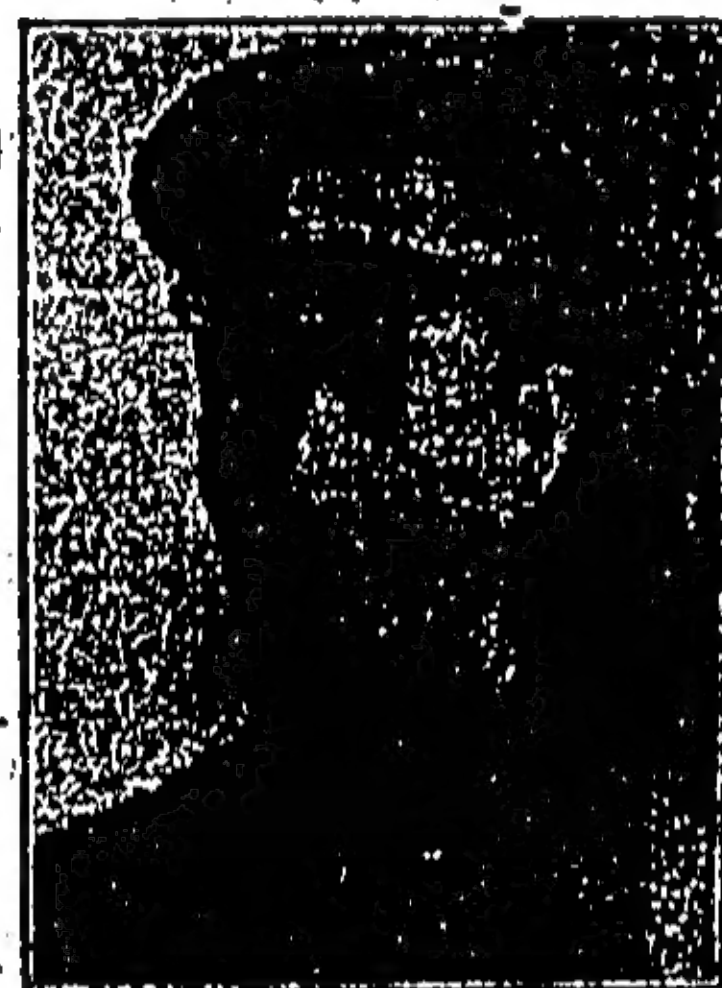
Washington, Yesterday. The Senate by 53 votes to 31 has passed the so-called "Jones Bill" which President Coolidge opposes providing for the building up of a Government-controlled merchant fleet through a 15-year replacement programme totalling \$250,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

NORTH CHINA WAR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

their Soviet masters, which usually have been traceable to Mukden or Harbin. Late, the interruption of the telegraph traffic from Peking to Siberia by the Mongols at Urga, without any ascertainable reason, has greatly stimulated surmise, but reliable news is lacking.

Paper Army Shown Up. The results of the Ankuochun New Year conference here either were unimportant or very secret, for it is denied that General Chang Tsung-chang's position was dis-



General Chang Tsung-chang of the Nationalist Wu-Han army. He is expected to join the break away from Chiang Kai-shek. Last march he was in control at Nanking when the anti-foreign outrages were committed.

cussed. The public are incredulous, since it is widely known that his position in Shanghai is almost untenable, while the retention of the province depends solely on Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.

Prior to the New Year, General Chang Tsung-chang's front line troops refused to consider further warfare unless they were paid, wherefore they were withdrawn and replaced by Sun Chuan-fang's men. Chang Tsung-chang then, stirred by Peking, made a vigorous survey of his forces, with a view to reorganization, he personally inspecting about 80 per cent. of all units and discovering that his paper army of 100,000 actually was 40,000 odd.

800 Russians Sacked.

Six thousand useless men were disbanded, with \$6 each and a suit of civilian clothes, also 800 Russian officers and men. The men retained received \$3 each, irrespective of the pay due to them. The larger share of the Shantung revenues already goes to Sun Chuan-fang's army, which is well paid and equipped.

Large bodies of General Chu Yu-pu's troops have been withdrawn to the Taming area, via the Wei River and the Grand Canal and to the Tientain-Pukow Railway north of Tainanfu. The reason is unknown, unless the Kuomintang occupation of the north bank of the Yellow River below Taming has prompted the substitution of Sun Chuan-fang's forces there also.—"N. C. Daily News."

Among the Hong Kong passengers on the "President Cleveland" which sailed yesterday for Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco were Mr. F. H. Mills (going to England), Mr. J. E. Taylor (Freestone Tire & Rubber Co.), and Mrs. B. Thompson.

A Musical will be held at the Helicon May on Thursday, February 9 at 6.30 p.m. The following will be taking part—Mrs. Womack, Mrs. Russell-Brown, Eng. Lieut. Comdr. A. B. Bodell, R.N., Miss Acheson and Mrs. Hargreaves-Brown. Tickets may be had from 4 p.m. Tables must be booked—Advt.

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London, Yesterday. Although the Dean of St. Paul's had accepted the Government's request for the burial of Earl Haig in St. Paul's, it was announced later, that Earl Haig's own wish was to be buried on his Scottish estate at Bemsyde. There will be no service at St. Paul's.—Reuter.

America Sends Condolences.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Kellogg has telegraphed to Sir A. Chamberlain his condolences at the death of Earl Haig saying that Americans are grateful in their recollections of the splendid spirit of unity between Haig's forces and the American troops in war time.

Sir A. Chamberlain, in reply, refers to the irreparable loss sustained by the British Empire and says, the British people join the Americans, in commemorating the splendid spirit of unity of the Anglo-American forces in war time and pray that no shadow of difference will ever darken Anglo-American friendship.—Reuter.

Condolences.

London, Yesterday. The French Government has appointed Marshals Foch and Petain to represent it at the public military funeral.

M. De Fleuriau, the French Ambassador in London, will personally represent President Doumergue. The Belgian Government has also appointed a mission to attend.

M. Jaspard, the Belgian Premier, has telegraphed to Mr. Baldwin: "Deeply moved by death of Earl Haig, I beg your Excellency to accept my sincere condolences. The loss of the illustrious Marshal affects not only the British Empire. It is felt keenly by all my compatriots who treasure the memory of incomparable services rendered by him to our common cause."

The British Premier replied offering his sincere thanks and adding: "My countrymen will value highly the sympathy of their ally and the generous tribute which your Excellency pays to the services of the late Field Marshal."

Flanders' Poppies.

There has been to-day a remarkable demand for wreaths of Flanders' Poppies from the factories at Richmond and Edinburgh which Earl Haig established and where disabled ex-Servicemen are employed. Three thousand wreaths have been ordered from all parts of the Empire.—British Wireless Service.

SIR JOHN DUNCAN.

GREAT SEND-OFF AT SHANGHAI.

GUARDS OF HONOUR.

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Sir John Duncan sailed for home this afternoon on the P. & O. "Malwa," after numerous banquets and presentations.

The United States Marine Corps, French, Italian, Portuguese Forces, the Second Suffolk, Municipal Volunteers and Police furnished Guards of Honour while hundreds of Chinese and foreign prominent persons personally bade him farewell and cheered while General Duncan embarked on a Navy launch for the "Malwa."—Reuter.

Mr. Jan Salm, of the Natanascho Petroleum, Maatschappij, Sumatra, sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Cleveland" for the United States.

Mr. Frank M. Waller of the Sun Life Insurance Co. left Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Cleveland" for San Francisco where he is to reside.

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